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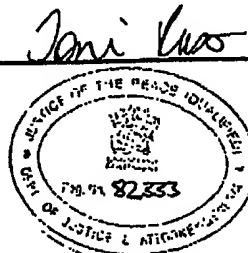
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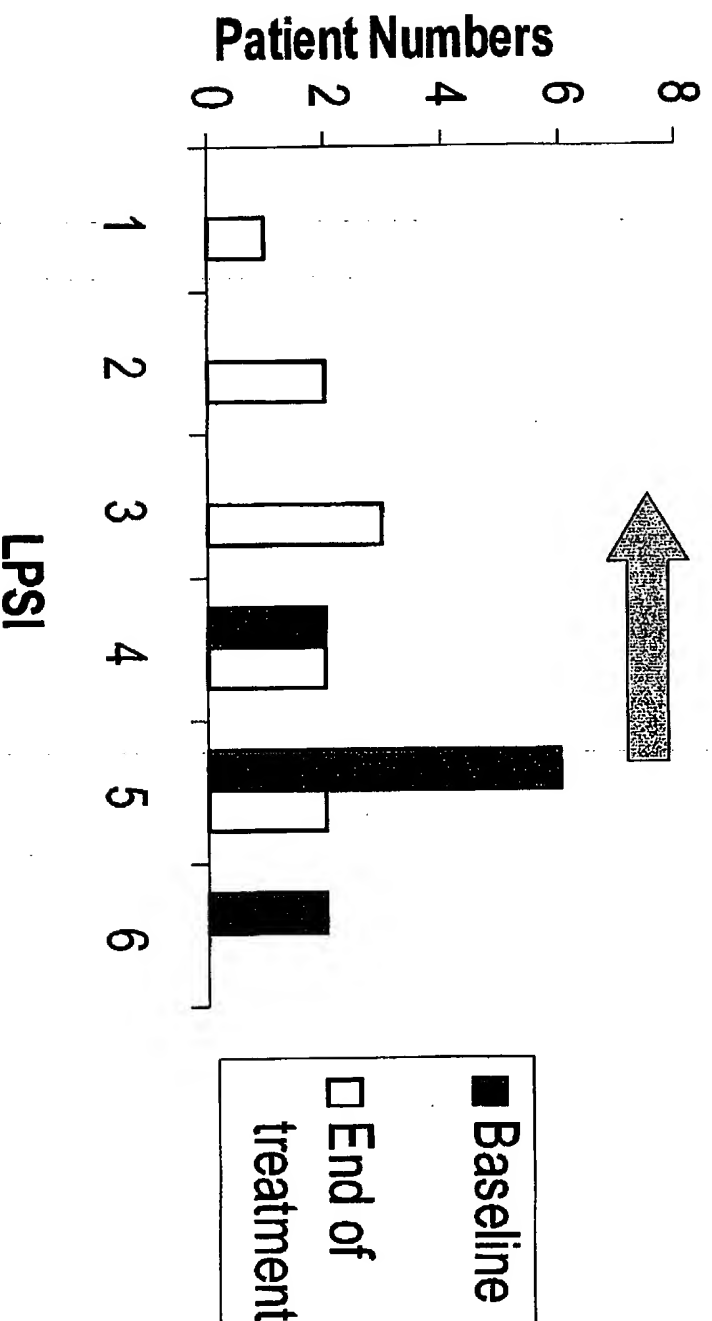
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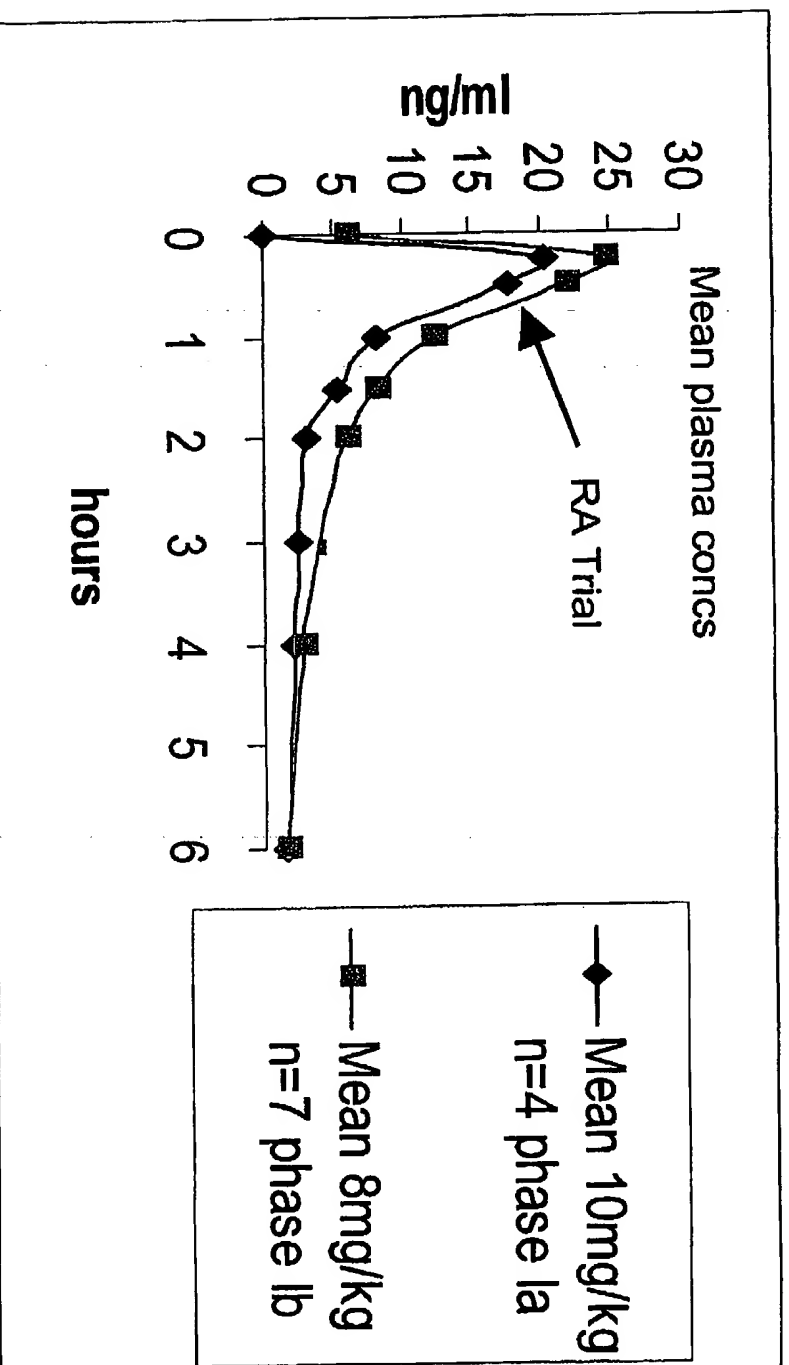
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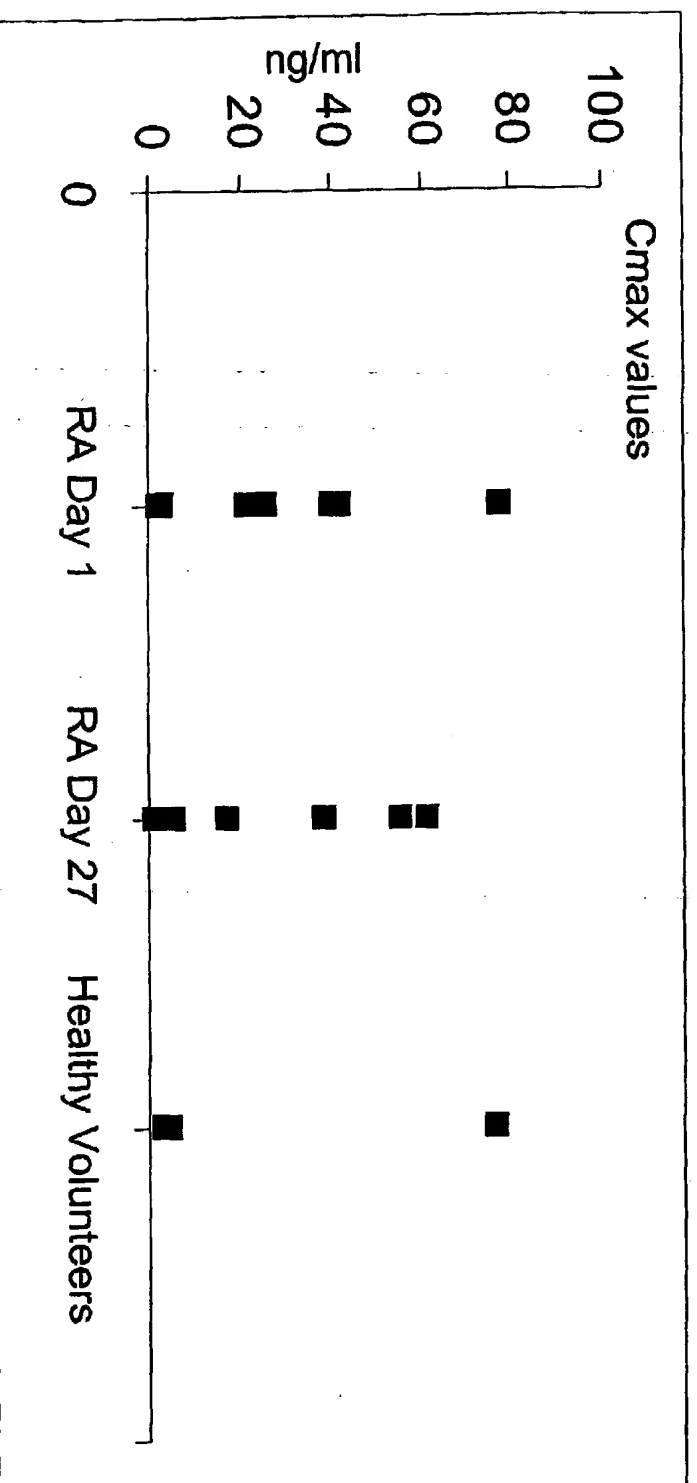
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ALTERNATE OPTION cont...

- Subcutaneous dosing with PMX53

If Phase I s.c study positive

- Provides licensee clear path for development
- Takes oral delivery form off critical path

Downside

limit potential clinical use to short term indications eg
IBD relapse, treatment of acute inflammatory
episodes

ALTERNATE OPTION...

- Subcutaneous dosing with PMX53
 - subcutaneous preclinical data shows sustained blood levels over many hours
 - Preclinical rats and dogs data demonstrate efficacy at dose levels of 0.3 mg/kg
 - Positive for COGS issue
- Work up to human phase I study to show:
 - Sustained blood levels
 - .. addresses "bioavailability/transient" PK issue
 - If available assess also using biomarker assessment

PLAN GOING FORWARD...

Continue to develop Biomarker for PMX53

- **Option 1 Oxidative Burst Assay**
 - Questions regarding sufficient sensitivity to detect activity?
 - Inter- and Intra-assay data adequate to show effect?
 - Assay work ongoing at Promics labs
- **Option 2 LPS Model**
 - Clinical trials using LPS challenge have been conducted
 - Requires validation in preclinical before assessing healthy volunteer study
 - Ongoing assessment at Promics labs

Two major challenges remain...

- Demonstration of adequate and sustained block of C5a receptors with PMX53 in face of transient PK profile
 - If +ve disease efficacy....resolved v
 - If disease efficacy equivocalneed biomarker data
- Estimation of Cost of Goods
 - Highly dependent on dose required
 - Use biomarker to estimate efficacious doses required

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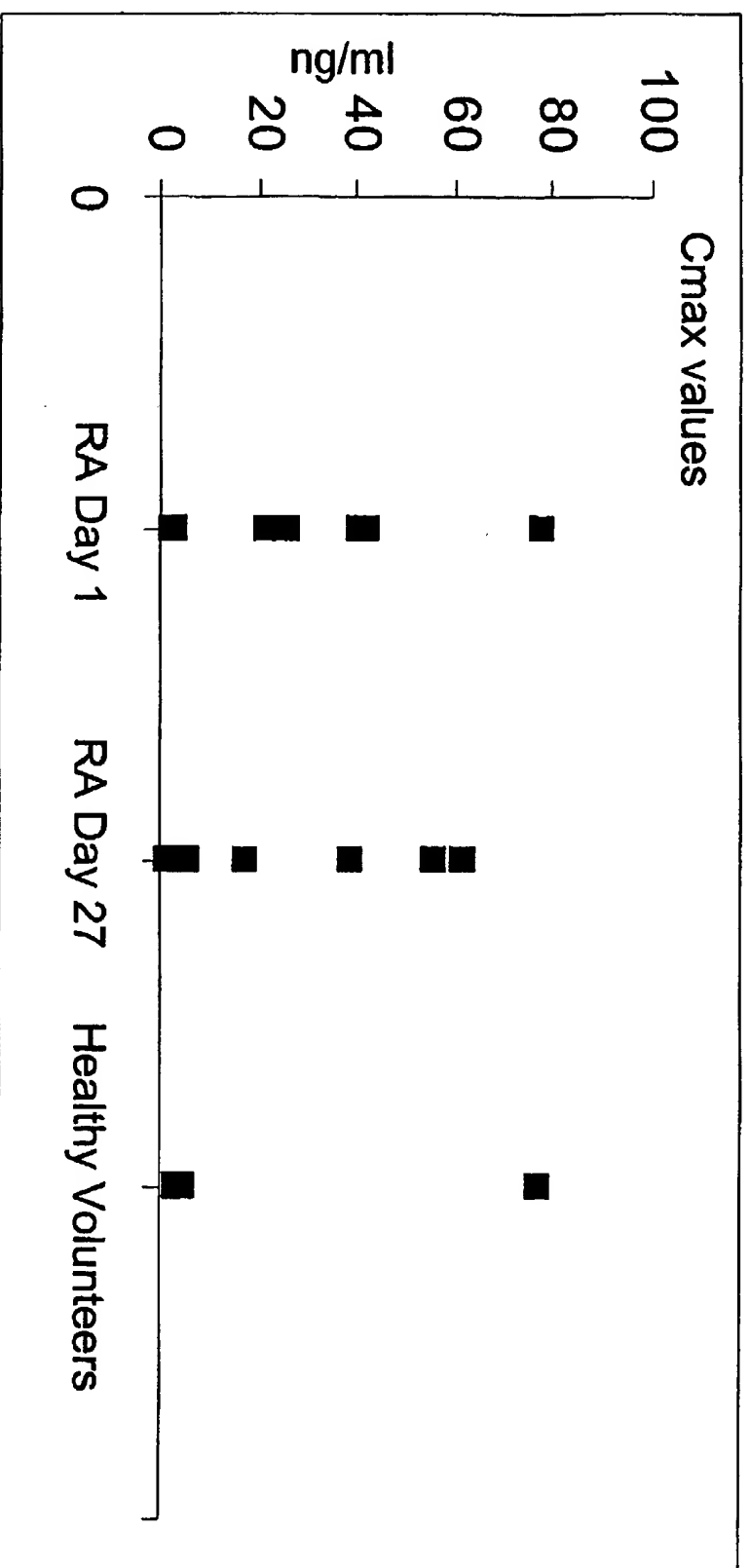
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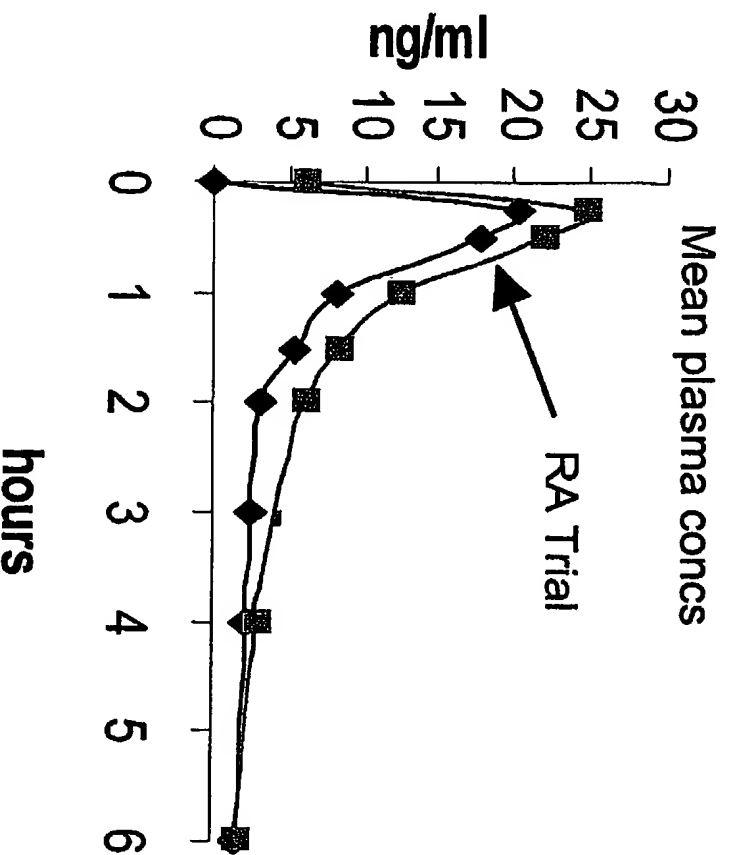
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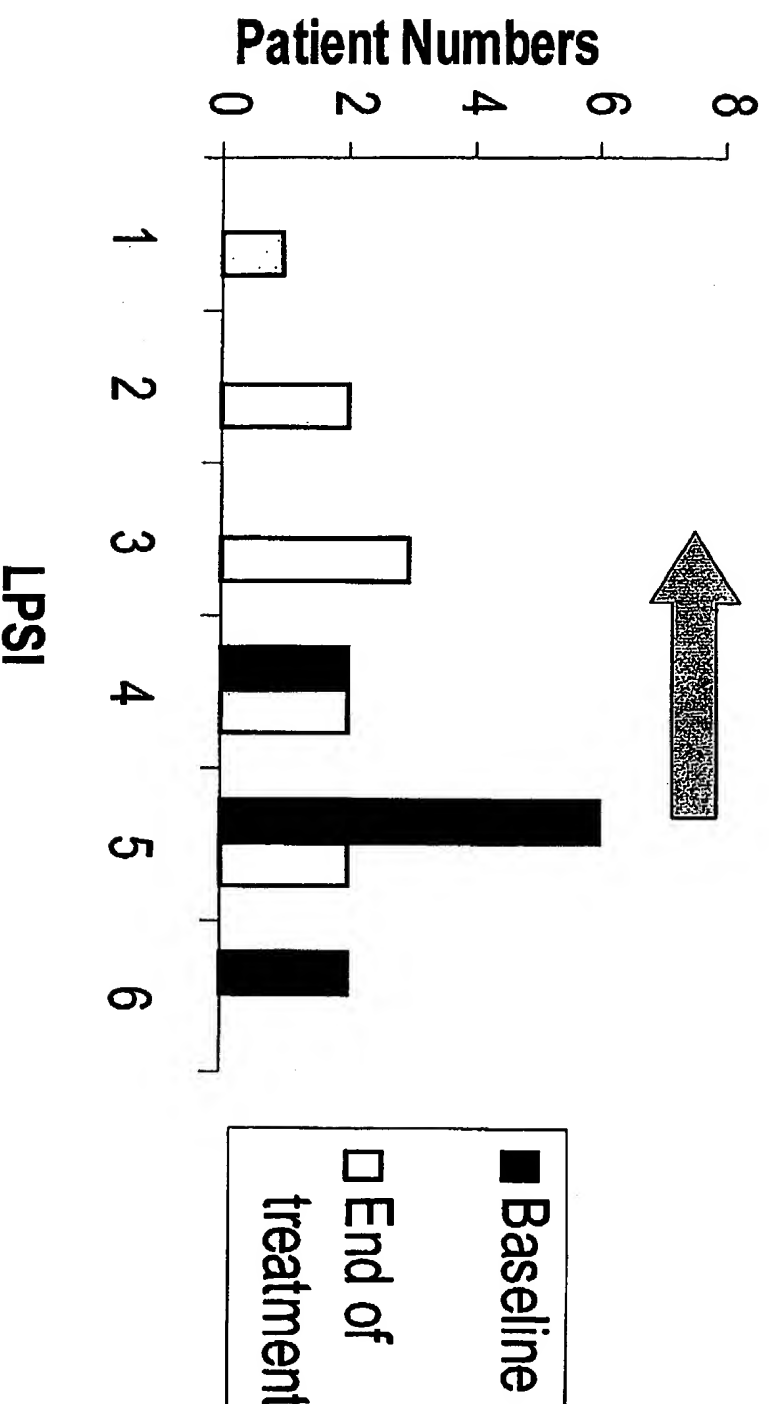
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PROMICS DEVELOPMENT REPORT – February 2004

- PRM-01-03 Psoriasis Study Results
- PRM-01-02 RA Interim Data
- Update on Technology Development Plan

March 2004 Development Report

Arthritis Trial

- Recruitment
 - 16 are currently on study
 - 1 subject awaiting screening results
 - 2 further subjects identified as possibility for screening
- Timelines
 - Site committed to complete treatment of all subjects (approximately 20) by end May
 - Synovial tissue processing to be completed within subsequent two months
 - Plan to visit site in the first week of August to discuss interpretation of unblinded data with investigator
 - Full clinical data planned for August board meeting

Formulation of oral dose

- Four companies specialising in solid dose formulation have been approached regarding the development of a formulated oral dose for PMX53
- Proposals have been requested for formulation work that will attempt to:
 - Provide consistent blood levels and minimise subject to subject variation
 - Maximise stomach absorption and bioavailability
- Costing, timelines and recommendations for this contract development to be prepared over next month

Biomarker Development

- Oxidative Burst
 - Promics laboratory have conducted assay validation
 - Data indicates that the assay continues to have considerable assay to assay variation
 - Based on these results it is recommended that the use and investigation of this biomarker in a healthy volunteer study be postponed at least till an improved or alternative formulation of PMX53 is developed
- Alternative LPS model
 - There is precedent for use of this model in healthy volunteer studies to assess activity of new drugs, using clinical and/or cytokine measurements
 - Promics laboratory is investigating viability of this model with PMX53 over the next few months in rats and dogs

Additional development priorities

- Investigate the possibility of alternative manufacturers for PMX53 in China and India with the purpose of addressing Cost of Goods issues
- New formulations for subcutaneous delivery of PMX53 will be tested in Promics laboratories to address injection site toxicity observed in safety and toxicity studies
 - Subcutaneous delivery may present an alternative route of administration and development by a potential purchaser and be appropriate for treatment of some acute inflammatory disorders. This route of administration may also address bioavailability and COGs issues